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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

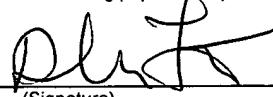
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/008298, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Furthermore, the publication US 5,889,342 discloses a motor cooling system, in which a rotor pressure ring is used for distributing a coolant in axially running cooling ducts of the rotor. In this case, the coolant flows through corresponding passages in the rotor pressure ring out of the hollow shaft radially outward and is deflected in the axial direction into the corresponding recesses of the rotor.

International Publication No. WO 02/071578 corresponds to European Patent Appl. No. EP 1 367 697 of which a copy is enclosed. EP 1 367 697 has a publication date of December 3, 2003, and thus is not available as prior art.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 44 13 389 describes an electrical machine having two laminated rotor cores (1, 2) which are arranged at an axial distance from one another on a common shaft (3), two laminated stator cores (4, 5) which are arranged at a corresponding distance from one another, and a cooling device which has an air feed device (25) as well as cooling ducts (21) running in the axial

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direction. The cooling ducts are divided into two sections as a consequence of the axial distance between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) and are connected to the air feed device (25) in such a manner that the flow passes through the two sections of each cooling duct (21) in the opposite direction, and the cooling air is deflected from an axial direction into a radial direction, or vice versa, in the annular space (7) between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5). The axial distance between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) is selected such that the available flow cross-section in the annular space (7) between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) for the cooling air is approximately equal to the sum of the flow cross-sections of all the cooling ducts (18, 18', 21) which open directly into this annular space (7).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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